

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 on page 5 with the following paragraph.

United States Patent Applications titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Wilkins et al. ~~and filed on even date herewith,~~ which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,674; titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Jha et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,621; titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Ganzi et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,250; titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Freydina et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003, assigned application serial no. 10/712,248, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,083,733 on August 1, 2006; titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Wilkins et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,163; titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Freydina et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,685; and titled WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD by Jha et al. and filed on even date herewith, which was filed on November 13, 2003 and assigned application serial no. 10/712,166 are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 30 on page 8 with the following paragraph.

One embodiment of a system of the invention is illustrated schematically in ~~FIG. 1. FIG.~~
4FIG. 3 which shows a water softening system 10 that may be used in a variety of installations, such as in a home. Feed water is supplied at point of entry 14, that may be, for example, well water or a municipal water supply.